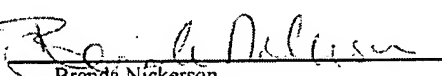


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application of: Applicant: Mustapha Haddach, et al. Serial No.: 10/564,110 Filed: July 7, 2006 Title: RAMAN SIGNATURE PROBES AND THEIR USE IN THE DETECTION AND IMAGING OF MOLECULAR PROCESSES AND STRUCTURES	Group Art Unit: 1641 Examiner: Lisa V. Cook <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Certificate of Electronic Filing</u></p> <p>I hereby certify that the attached Response to Office Action is being deposited by Electronic Filing on April 24, 2009 by using the EFS – Web patent filing system and addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p>By:  Brenda Nickerson</p>
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED
DECEMBER 24, 2008**

M/S Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, in the above application. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants hereby submit a petition for an extension of time of one (1) month for submitting a response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008 in the above-referenced application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). With a one-month extension, a response to the December 24, 2008 Office Action is timely if filed on or before April 24, 2009. In connection with this petition, please find payment in the amount of \$65.00 submitted herewith pursuant to 37

C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). If any additional fee is deemed payable (or overpayment creditable) in respect of this communication, please charge or credit such a fee to Deposit Account No. 23-2415, referencing Docket No. 30939-702.831.

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Conclusion is on page 11 of this paper.